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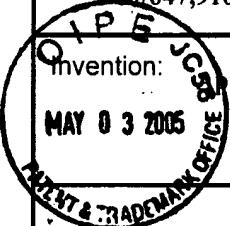
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2005 in the subject application,
Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.